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Boating Course

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 13-8 will hold several courses at each of two Nassau County high schools this fall. The courses to be offered are a 12 lesson boating safety and seamanship course, an engine maintenance course, and a 4 lesson New York State young boatman's course.

The schedule is as follows: Seaford High School on Seamans Neck Road in Seaford will hold registration on September 9th and 15th at 7:30 P.M.. Classes start on September 16th at 8:00 P.M. At the Bethpage High School on Stewart Avenue in Bethpage registration will be on September 22nd and 23rd at 7:30 P.M.Classes will start on September 23rd at 8:00 P.M. For further information call (516) 221-0141 after 6:00 P.M.

Free Boating Course given by the Jones Beach Power Squadron, will begin on September 22, 1975. Classes will be held at Ziegie's Restaurant, 8 Alhambra Road, Massapequa, NY. The 12 week comprehensive course is open to the general public and will commence at 8:00 P.M. Reservations for the free course can be made by calling either John Holub at 221-4148 or Phil Skuza at 221-0797.

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The Captree Power Squadron, with its excellent teaching staff, will show you how to operate and maintain a safe boat. Safety Afloat is the name of the game in this 10 week training course. Each week, an experienced boatman will discuss and answer questions pertaining to the course material. A table proctor will be assigned to teach you chart reading and course plotting.

Registrations will be accepted by your attendance at the first class, to be held on Wednesday, September 10th at 7:30 P.M. in Lindenhurst Junior High School on So. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, On Wednesday, September 24th at Farmingdale Senior High School in Farmingdale New York and on Monday, September 29th at 7:30 P.M. at No. Babylon High School in No. Babylon New York.

A final examination will be given on completion of the course. Those who receive a passing grade will be warded a certificate, designating ney have the basic education to keep nemselves and their boating com-anions alive while on the water. For urther details call (516) 226-1606.

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Free Boating Course

Flotilla 57-U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary New York, New York is commencing an accelerated 6 lesson Boating Safety and Seamanship course on boating skills beginning Thursday, September 18th at 7:00 P.M. at the Coast Guard Marine Inspection office, Battery Park, New York (near South Ferry slip).

The course will be given by qualified instructors and will feature all aspects of boat handling for six consecutive Thursday evenings. Free registration (nominal charge for work material.)

For further information call R. Kaplon (212) 683-9200, 9-5 P.M.

News Releases

Seacoast Fined

"A commercial fishing company from New Jersey has been penalized $5000 for fishing in New York waters closed to menhaden fishing." Environmental Conservation Commissioner Ogden Reid said today.

In addition to the penalities, Seacoast Products Inc. of Port Monmouth, New Jersey, had its New York commercial fishing permit suspended for two weeks and agreed to the replacement of Captain Warren Apel, who was piloting the vessel "Palm Beach" at the time the violations took place.

Following an investigation by Environmental Conservation Officers, Seacoast Products was charged with fishing for menhaden in a "No Fishing Zone" in the area of Mamaroneck and Rye on July 16, 1975. The firm received a $2,500 penalty for each violation.

The "No Fishing Zone" was established last year by the State legislature following complaints of residents who objected to commercial fishing operations close to shore.

Town To Offer Course in Hunter Safety

Early registration is urged for all Town residents wishing to addend the Town of Hempstead's course in hunter safety, offered by the Bay Constables of Hempstead Town's Department of Conservation and Waterways. The course is offered on Wednesday evenings for two consecutive weeks from 7:30 to 10:00 P.M. each night. The first session, offered for September 10 and 17, is already closed, but registration is being accepted for classes to be given on succeeding Wednesdays beginning September 24.

All classes will be conducted in the recreation room of the Long Creek Marina, located at the foot of South Grove Street in Freeport.

Registration is now being accepted by phone from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Bay Constable's office. Please call 431-3750 or 431-3751.

The hunter safety course is helpful for residents seeking a New York State hunting license.

Hunter's Safety Course

The Metropolitan Rod and Gun Club will hold a Free Hunter's Safety Course consisting of 4 hours of instruction. This will start on Mnday, September 8th and every Monday thereafter up to and including Monday October 27th. Sessions start at 7:30 P.M. promptly. Under personal supervision of Tom Reitz, Kings County Coordinator. For further information write to 162 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201 or call MAin-5-8019.

CONTESTS & TOURNAMENTS

World Series of Distance Casting

"The Ocean City Cup Event" was swept by The Outcasts Fishing and Casting Club of Long Island.

The conventional event was taken by Bob Ostrom, Al Matthews, Marion Hutson, Fred Diviney and Harry Bonner (The Outcasts Team). A total of 25 casts added up to 10,426 feet, an average of 417 feet per cast.

The spinning team, Frank Newsome Al Matthews, Marion Hutson, Fred Diviney and Harry Bonner casted 25 times for a total of 9,832 feet, an average of 393 feet per cast.

The Outcasts beat the Famed "Tidewater Anglers" who won the Conventional Contest 18 of the last 20 years.

No special tackle was used in any of these events. Anyone interested in tournament casting contact Harry Bonner at (516) 271-0697.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

The final hearing on beach buggy usage at the National Gateway Park (Breezy Point) will be held on Friday, September 12th, at 7:30 P.M. at the Fort Tilden Army Chapel at Riis Park, Rockaway. All anglers concerned with beach buggy access to the surf are urged to attend this critical hearing—there will be no tomorrow! Any questions, phone Steve Petrie of the Farragut Striper Club at (516) 221-7371.

Moriches Inlet From the Surf

by Gerald Hahn

Last March, I decided to have a look at the Moriches Bay Inlet with a friend. We had seen it often while fluke or flounder fishing from a boat. This time, we thought we'd try the surf. We drove to Smith Point Park at the eastern end of Fire Island and not having a beach vehicle, we decided to walk to the inlet just for the heck of it. We arrived at the inlet 2½ hours later, a 7 mile trek. In addition, it was cold and windy that day and all we caught were bergalls. I must say, it was a fantastic walk. This area is a state park defined by dunes and periodic wooded areas (we even spotted some deer) but if it's fishing you want, this is not the way to fish this inlet. We were lucky to get a lift back.

A little later on, I discovered a more accessible approach to the inlet from the east end by driving to Westhampton Beach (exit 63 south off Rte. 27), then west (a right turn) on Dune Rd. (County Rd. 89) to the end where for 50 cents and a kind word to the ticket attendant, you can park in the parking area. If you get there before the attendant is there, just go in and park anyway; the people there are nice. From this point to the inlet, it's only a 1½ mile walk which takes me 20 to 30 minutes. Walk along the ocean side. This is not a bad walk and it's well worth it. Why?

There are several advantages to fishing the Moriches Inlet. Few people own beach buggies and the rest are not willing to invest the time walking to this area. Consequently, this is probably one of the least fished inlets on Long Island. Even the boat traffic is moderate when compared to Montauk or the West End south shore. I don't enjoy elbow to elbow fishing whether from a boat or shore.

Moriches Bay is famous for flounders during the spring and fall and for fluke during the summer. However, at the inlet, a variety of other fish exist or pass through. (Blues, stripers, weaks, seabass, blackfish, snappers and a few porgies) If you're not a plug purist, bring along some bait and bottom rigs as well and plan to spend a day there.

Here's a good itinerary. Get there while it's still dark. Work a plug or eel on the north side of the inlet a few yards before the rock jetty ends. A rusted wheel axle is near this point. At first light the terns may begin circling the inlet and they will let you know if the blues are in. You will need a surf pole and 20 lb. test line because of the numerous rocks. Begin casting wherever the terns can be reached. Start with tin, such as Hopkins, Kastmasters, etc., and if nothing happens in 20 minutes, try a bucktail tipped with pork rind. On a calm day, you will be able to see the baitfish creating showers on the surface, if larger fish are forcing them up. If larger predators do not make an appearance you can convert to a bottom rig, using squid, strip bait or worms. These baits will produce anything from fluke, seabass, to blacks at this time of the season. Use any of the bottom rigs mentioned in recent L.I.F articles. Prepare a number of rigs in advance and bring along some heavier pyramid sinkers (6 oz.) because the current is strong. The rugged bottom formations will probably tie you up sooner or later so you'll need extra rigs. You'll lose a few rigs but you will probably catch some fish too. You may catch more than you can handle. While bottom fishing, keep an eye on the terns and the other fishermen who many have begun to throw out lures again while you were bottom fishing. If blues or bass hit the beach be ready for a quick conversion to plugs.

This is not the deepest inlet on the south shore and Moriches Bay is quite shallow when compared to other south shore bays. But the current can be very fast here. The dropoff, at the inlet, is close to the rocks, and is defined by a sandy bottom. Perhaps the heavy tides, varied bottom formations, and abundant bait explains why there are so many species of fish in the inlet.

The inlet certainly offers excellent surf fishing possibilities so why not come on down and do a little experimenting.

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The Casting Gourmet

Ginger-Peach Conserve: Filet of Sole Vladimar

This "column" of course specializes in giving you recipes for various fish concoctions—most apropos for a fisherman's newspaper. And yet, there have been times when I've told about certain favorite recipes for gourmet deserts. This time I want you to know about a recipe which I developed all by myself.

It concerns a fruit conserve which I enjoy every morning with my breakfast. I'd grown kind of tired of eating the usual variety of jams and jellies. I wanted something much more exotic; something which could really tickle my palate and make me grunt with pleasure every time I tasted it. The following conserve fills the bill in all respects; I urge you to try it; you'll be glad you did.

CONSERVE-a la Evans

4 pounds of ripe peaches
1 orange
1 lemon
1 pound seedless, white, dried raisins
½ pound crystallized ginger
Juice of 1 orange
Juice of 1 lemon
2 cups of sugar
1 cup water
1 package chopped walnuts (about 24 nuts)

Place all ingredients except the walnuts into a large pot. Remove pits from the peaches and cut into small chunks (including the skin). Slice orange and lemon very thin. Chop the ginger into small pieces (I'd advise your buying the ginger in a confectioner's shop). Place over flame and bring to a boil being sure to stir every so often to prevent burning. When boiling starts, lower flame and boil slowly for about 45 minutes or until the mixture has the consistency of marmalade. Now, add the chopped walnuts and boil for 5 more minutes. While the conserve is hot place into hot sterilized glass jars leaving a small space in which you pour melted paraffin. When the paraffin solidifies, add more. Recipe makes about 8 or 10 jars.

The following recipe was obtained from a restaurant named "The McAteers" which is located in Somerset, New Jersey at 1714 Easton Avenue. It is supreme and should be saved until you have some really special quests for dinner. I guarantee their and your pleasure. Want a promotion? Invite the boss!

Filet of Sole Vladimar (serves 4)

Poach 8 five ounce pieces of rolled filet of lemon sole or flounder for 5 minutes in 24 ounces of boiling hot water to which you've added 8 ounces of dry white wine (Chablis). Add 16 boiled shrimp and 2/3rds cup of sliced mushrooms.

Prepare your cream sauce in a separate saucepan by melting 6 tablespoons of butter and then adding 3 tablespoons flour. While constantly stirring add 3 cups hot heavy cream (or evaporated milk) and 4 ounces of Chablis.

Add salt, freshly ground pepper and nutmeg to taste.

Place the poached sole, mushrooms and shrimp into a casserole. Cover with the cream sauce. Then garnish with steamed mussels or clams.

Sprinkle 2 teaspoons ground Parmesan cheese over the top, and glaze in a 400 degree oven for 10 or 15 minutes or until golden brown.

After you have eaten this dish, just try to get back to Earth once again!

"Promises! Promises!"

Some of you may remember that in my last "Column" I mildly remonstrated with my friend John Gallis, "Johnny the Greek" to his friends, for not having fulfilled his "promise" to me to let me see some of the fish recipes for which his wife Sophia is justly noted. As proof that there is "balm in Gilead", even before these words were typed, Johnny came through in noble fashion. When I met him once again on the "Sore Thumb" in Fire Island Inlet he handed me not one recipe but hundreds! Some had been prepared by the National Marine Fisheries Service which operates out of Gloucester, Mass. Others were published in a paperback book titled "The Art of Fish Cookery" by Bantam Books, Inc. written by Milo Miloradovich. But the outstanding compilation of recipes was contained in a booklet called "The Grecian Gourmet".

Reading the introductory pages of this book which outlines the philosophic and religious outlooks of the Greeks (truly fascinating reading!), I was reminded of an experience I enjoyed several years ago. My "better half," Erna and myself had been with another couple attending an afternoon dance when it was suggested (much to my—at the time—evident negative attitude) that we go to a Greek restaurant located in Amity Harbor for dinner. Outvoted 3 to 1, my humor was not exactly ebullient but I acceded without much enthusiasm. When we entered the place, I heard sounds my ears had never encountered before. The music from the instruments of the four musicians present was so lilting, so joyful, so melodious, so bell-like, so all-fired exuberant, my mood changed for the better in one instant. There, in the middle of the floor, were about a dozen men and women, arms intertwined—dancing in a circle to the most intoxicating beat I'd ever heard. Immediately, being somewhat impulsive by nature, despite my damaged right ankle, I joined the dancers and had a joyous time. Most all there were Greeks. They were so friendly, so anxious for the four of us to have a good time. They took us to their bosoms whole-heartedly. My respect and love for the Greeks has grown apace with the years.

In the book "The Grecian Gourmet" one reads the words "Eating and drinking is by no means a mechanical process, again analagous to their sensitivity. Every sip and forkful is enjoyed with gusto. ---The motivation existing in their zest for good food, combined with the national heritage of perfection, the Greeks have developed the culinary art to a veritable accomplishment."

You may look forward in future issues of the LIF to sharing some of the gastronomic joys which John Gallis has brought to me. "Promises" fulfilled!

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Surf Side

with Doc Muller

North Shore Blues Part II

While you're reading this, huge blues are slamming into bunker and other baitfish from the East River to Orient Point. Trollers are dragging umbrella rigs around the Throgs Neck Bridge and they're bailing the fish. At the Fort Totten jetty, bunker chunks are flying out over the water to find a resting place on the slimy gravel bottom hopefully near a waiting blue.

But wait a minute. Don't drop the publication on the floor as you head out the door with assorted tackle. Read on. The blues will wait for you, or will they?

If I sound like I'm all charged up over Long Island Sound blues, well you're right. You see, the blues at Montauk are fantastic when they hit the beach and the south shore surf can surely produce in the fall. But Montauk is crowded and the frequently heaving seas help to keep the blues underwater and encourages the use of very heavy gear. The south shore action is usually an intermittent kind of thing and here too the heavy surf tends to make the battle a little too impersonal.

I don't know if that makes any sense to you, but to me it means that the battle will consist of a series of powerful runs with the fish hidden from the fisherman and the fisherman hidden from the blue. For my money there is nothing that can beat fighting a huge bluefish in very quiet and terribly shallow water.

Under the cover of darkness the slammer sized choppers get up the courage to move into those shallows but there can be no doubt that they are uneasy. They cruise tensely. They are on the hunt. There is little surface noise to hide beneath and sometimes their stomachs rub the bottom.

Suddenly, an injured fish appears above him near the surface. He watches as the baitfish rolls and spurts trying desparately to regain swimming equilibrium. The eyesight of the blue isn't as good as his sometimes hunting partner the striped bass so he must study this meal carefully. Then he pounces on it. His teeth sink down into the sides of the fish. The powerful jaw muscles grip the prey like a vise driving those triangular teeth deeper and deeper into the prey.

But somethings wrong! The bluefish reacts instinctively. He pushes towards the surface and thrusts three feet out of the water as he twists and shakes his head. Water sprays in ten foot arcs away from that powerful body. He heads for deep water, but there is resistance. He jumps again, still higher this time. Then he rolls and digs his head into the bottom, turning violently, scrapping the scales off his nose. He can't seem to free himself of this annoying little fish.

His muscles are getting tired now. He must rest a while. But he finds himself moving ever closer to the beach when he rests, so he thrusts that powerful forked tail again and moves out into three feet of water. Again he moves toward the beach but now he is too fatigued to offer anything but a token objection. The moonlight is in his eyes now and it is uncomfortable. Something cold stings his side and penetrates to his backbone and he is lifted off the ground, but death will follow slowly.

I hope that I have excited your angling enthusiasm. But before you head for the beach check out your lure bag and make sure that you have the right equipment for the job that you're about to tackle.

You'll need an assortment of poppers for the daylight and dusk fishing. I like the Creek Chub poppers in silver or yellow and pink, the Herder popping plugs are good too and should be left white. Make sure that the rear hooks of your poppers have little bucktail tied to them. It wouldn't hurt to take those treble hooks off the plugs and substitute a straight bend or salmon hook in its place. The salmon hook should be one size larger than the treble it replaces.

For years Long Island fishermen have known that the Nantucket Sleigh is a great bluefish lure, but unfortunately these lures were not readily available to us. You either had to make your own or hope that a friend would make a few for you. This winter Dr. Jack Frech described how to make his famous version of the plug. If you have the time and skill to make them, they are certainly worthwhile plugs to have in your bag.

However, if you can't make your own, there is a line of plugs that became available to Long Island fishermen this spring. These are Robert's Superior Casting Plugs, and two of the models, the Ranger and the Sounder are plastic versions of the sleigh.

Night fishing is something else again. You'll need swimmers and the best seem to be Rebels and Atoms but they do take a terrible beating from those choppers. This is especially true because frequently you will have to fish them without a wire leader because the water is simply too clear and the fish shy off the leader. That means that a lot of plugs will go down the drain, or perhaps more accurately "out to sea." You can solve this problem by making your own small darters and by trying to buy the Swedish style swimmers at discount prices.

When the water is quiet you'll almost certainly produce better with light lines of less than 15 pound test. That means that your drag system better be clean and well lubricated. I recommend that you use teflon washers and clean the system after each use.

Next week: Time, tides, and places.

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CROSSING THE BAR with Don Vetter

MARINE ELECTRONICS
Part I—Communications

In the not too distant past, shipboard communication equipment consisted almost exclusively of the outsized, power-hungry marine radiotelephone. Operating on the 2000-2500 khz band, these sets were ridiculously expensive, produced up to 150 watts output power, and required the services of a licensed technician for installation and maintenance.

Today there are sets available which fit into a shirt pocket, sets which require almost no installation, and many priced below $100. There are two basic types of communication equipment available to the mariner today: the AM (amplitude modulation) citizen's band (CB) radio and the VHF-FM (very high frequency-frequency modulation) radiotelephone. Due in large measure to the fact that they cost far less than the radiotelephone, CB sets have a strangehold on the small boat communications market it has been estimated that there are above 130,000 CB's in use in marine applications. Notwithstanding, the VHF-FM radiotelephone has been decreasing steadily in price, as demand rises. No longer are permanently mounted, separate antenna sets the only ones available; self-contained units with built-in battery power source and pull-out antenna are available—some as small as many "walkie-talkies" on the market, and priced at less than $300.

In the event of trouble, the VHF-FM provides the greatest safety factor, as The United States Coast Guard maintains a 24 hour watch on the distress frequency (channel 16) and stands ready to come to your assistance with rescue cutters and aircraft. The Coast Guard does not monitor CB transmissions; neither does any marine police agency I know of. This is an important point to keep in mind when selecting communication equipment.

Despite the lack of a recognized marine distress frequency, the odds are good that you will be able to summon help with your CB if you can get through the scrim. The problem is that heavy radio traffic may tend to over-ride your Mayday. Channel 13 on the CB is the meeting place on the dial for boatmen in most areas, and though the Coast Guard does not monitor it, the Coast Guard Auxiliary often relies on CB as a primary means of rescue communication. Channel 9, the road assistance and emergency frequency may be a means of obtaining help as it is monitored by civilian volunteers, and you may be able to raise a shoreside CB'er in a car or truck who can relay your message. If you cannot afford a marine radio, a CB set by be obtained for $100 or less that will enable you to make contact with someone at a range of up to 15 miles.

In the days of the large, powerful marine radiotelephones, a common brag was the extreme distance occasionally attained in transmitting and receiving messages. Today the trend is in the other direction as limited range allows for the maximum use of available channels without mutual interference. VHF-FM waves travel in a line of sight, thereby limiting the range obtainable; antenna height is more of a range determinant than power of the set. Range of the VHF-FM is approximately the same as that of the CB (which is also very high frequency): Approximately 5 miles under most circumstances—up to 15 miles when antenna height reaches 20 feet above the waterline. When you contact a shoreside station with an exceptionally tall antenna, distances rise dramatically; you can call the Coast Guard or the Marine Operator (for patching through your message to land-lines) at distances of from 20 to 50 miles. Fear that lack of range may make it difficult to summon help with the VHF-FM should be allayed by the Coast Guard statement that they are able to pick up a distress call from a ½ wave antenna at sea level from 20 nautical miles offshore; the bulk of equipment on the market today will produce at least that good a signal.

Due to the line-of sight transmissions, both CB and VHF-FM share the same range despite disparity in set power: VHF-FM is limited by law to a maximum of 25 watts output—CB to 5 watts output. CB has 23 channels and the bulk of sets today have all of them; if you buy a set with less than the full 23 channel, be sure you do have channels 9 and 13. Channels 10,11,12, 14,15 and 23 are the most popular intership communication channels, and it is wise to remember that with CB you share the air waves not only with fellow boatmen, but with countless shoreside CB'ers in cars, trucks, campers and base stations. CB'ers are notorious chatters, and the overall effect is like unto a gigantic party line, when you consider the total of over 3 million CB sets in use.

There are 38 channels for boatmen on the VHF-FM marine band of which two are required by law: channel 16 (distress, safety and calling) and channel 6 (universal ship to ship frequency). The FCC also requires at least one other "working" channel; ask your dealer which channels are most used in your area. If you intend your set for telephone calls over land-lines, install the "public correspondence" channels (usually 26 or 28). Crystals come in pairs for transmission and reception and cost $10 to $20; you may get a set with just the basic channels and add crystals for the others as you go along. Either a CB'er or VHF-Fm must have a station license which costs $20 and runs for 5 years. In addition, VHF-FM requires

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Although the signal doubles in power with each 3 dB gain, the difference in received signals may not be very noticeable to the ear, and antenna height is also governed in a large measure by the size of the boat, large antennas being unweildy aboard small craft. Typical antennas for CB are also variable in height, running by and large from 4 to 18 feet. Special mountings which include a fold-down for passing beneath low bridges are well worth considering.

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THE BOTTOM LINE

with Scott Simons

LINE CONTROL

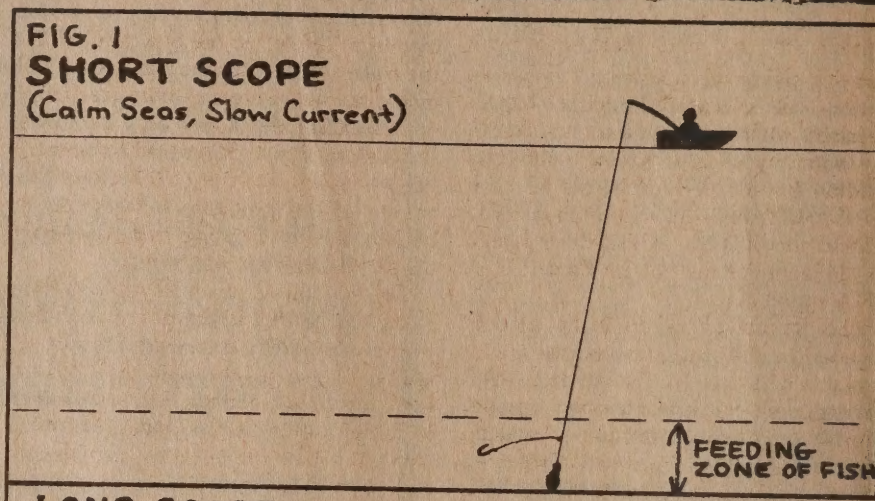
Several weeks ago LIF ad manager Stu Miller and I were fluke fishing at the Midway Rips and along the south side of Montauk in my Grady White Overnighter. The fluke were few and far between, and the strong currents created by the new moon weren't making the fishing any easier. We managed only a dozen fluke or so, the majority of which were taken by guess who. Everytime I hooked up, I'd look at Stu and flash him that famous shifty grin of mine and whisper "line control, line control..."

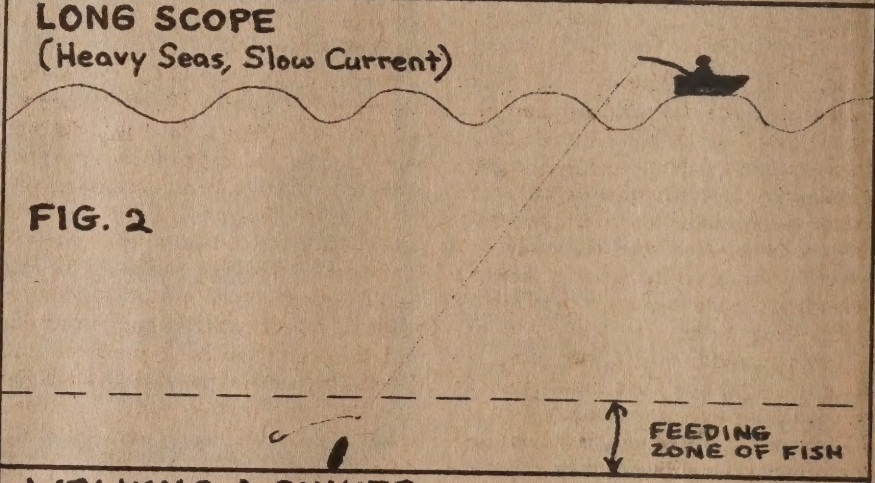
Obviously, I was doing something that Mr. Miller wasn't—namely, controlling my line. So what is this line control, anyway? Simply put, if you have to ask, you don't have it. Line control is the ability to adjust your fishing technique with the prevailing fishing conditions (wind, strength of current, depth of water, type of seas, speed of drift and type of bottom formation being fished over) in order to keep the terminal tackle on the bottom and, most importantly, to KNOW THAT YOU ARE DOING IT.

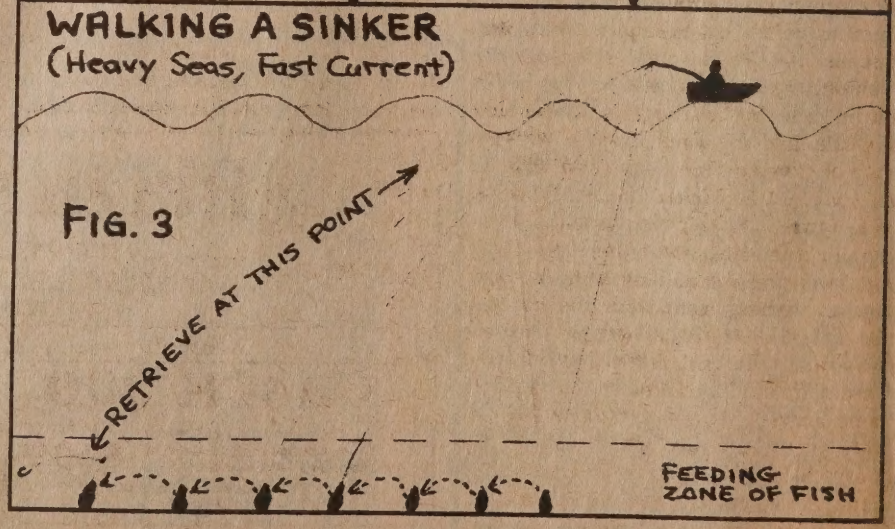
Whenever I am bottom fishing and someone is having trouble hooking up with a fish while others are doing a job on them, my first question to discover the reason is always "are you on the bottom?" The answers are usually something like "I think so" or "I can't tell", or "I'm not sure," which all translate to a definite NO. The sad fact of the matter is if you don't know if the rig is on the bottom, it isn't. And if the bait isn't near the bottom within the feeding zone of the fish, you aren't going to catch many fish...period. This is the *Golden Rule of Sinker Bouncing.*

The *Silver Rule of Sinker Bouncing* is that bottom feeding fish are most active during a moving current. Now, just about anyone that can hold a rod can keep a rig on the bottom and catch feeding fish when the seas are calm and the current is slowing down just before the change of tide. What we're talking about here is those times when that current is really ripping, or the boat is being lifted and lowered on big swells and a six-ounce sinker thinks it's a float. When these conditions prevail, it's only the accomplished angler that will be taking fish consistently.

There are three facets of line control that the angler may use to overcome adverse conditions to keep his rig on the







bottom: amount and type of weight used, amount of line out, and the manner in which it is played out.

First, the type of sinker used. By the process of elimination the diamond sinker wins hands down when fishing in deep water with heavy seas or during strong currents. The pyramid sinker will become hung-up on the bottom much too easily to save them for the sandy bottoms in the surf. Both the bank and egg sinker will tend to roll along the bottom due to their cylindrical shapes, precisely what you don't want a sinker to do when you are having difficulty holding bottom. Which leaves us with the flat, diamond sinker. Common sense tells us that it is more difficult to push a flat object over the bottom than it is to roll a round object.

The amount of weight to be used is dictated by the minimum weight necessary to hold the rig on the bottom, which can often be considerable—ten, twelve, even sixteen ounces and more for deep sea fishing. Heavy sinkers are often used as scape-goats by anglers going fishless. "I have so much weight on I can't feel the fish biting." To this I say "Dinkleberries!" Because all basic bottom rigs are designed so that the baited hooks are ALWAYS attached to the line between the sinker and angler. Whether you are fishing with a six or a sixteen ounce sinker shouldn't have any effect what-so-ever with the ability to detect a biting fish. Granted, heavy sinkers are cumbersome, particularly when using tackle too light for the prevailing conditions (so why are you using it?)—but don't use it as a cop-out for not taking fish...it just ain't so!

The amount of line you have out will also effect your ability to hold bottom. Just as when anchoring a boat, the deeper the water and stronger the current, the more line will have to be let out in order to hold bottom. If the seas are calm and the water is slack, the line may be given a short scope and stopped as soon as the sinker touches bottom. (See figure 1.) But let's suppose that even though it is slack water there are three foot swells raising and lowering the boat you are fishing from. This means that the rig is ALSO being raised and lowered three feet with each wave. Now, if you were a flounder, codfish or porgy, and came across this naked clam doing an Irish Jig, would you try to eat it? Of course not, because everyone knows that clams are supposed to lie quietly on the bottom, so why take a chance and eat a clam that is mentally disturbed?

This problem is overcome by letting out more line, giving it more "scope". The more line let out, the longer the scope, and the less effect the rising and falling movement of the boat will have on your rig. (See figure 2.)

When the current begins to move, you are confronted with a new problem—the water resistance of the line. As the moving water comes in touch with the line and meets resistance, it pushes and creates a "belly" in the line that will lift the sinker off the bottom. So you let out more line, which creates more resistance etc., creating the horns of a dilemma: fish a short line and not hold bottom, or fish a long line and not hold bottom. The answer to this problem is the secret of bottom fishing in strong currents—walk the sinker between the horns.

The technique of walking a sinker along the bottom is the essence of line control. It's also known as "dropping back." As soon as the sinker is lifted off the bottom, just enough line is let out to let it sink to the bottom again. The trick is to only allow the sinker to make short hops over the bottom, keeping the rig within the feeding range of the fish at all times. (See figure 3.)

Let the line down until the sinker touches bottom, but don't put the reel on lock and hold the rod in a near vertical position. Keep your thumb on the spool to prevent additional line from going out. As the water begins to belly the line, slowly lower the rod tip until it touches the water (if possible). When you feel the sinker begin to lift off the bottom, let up on the thumb pressure and let line out until the sinker touches bottom and the rod is in the vertical position again. Keep repeating this process until the scope becomes too wide and water resistance too much, preventing the sinker from touching bottom at all. Then reel in all the way to the boat and start "walking" the sinker all over again. When a hit is felt, just clamp down on the spool with your thumb and strike. Don't worry about locking the reel until the hook has been set.

Whatever the conditions are, you must be able to "feel" bottom or you're just passing the time. You can feel bottom by simply lifting the tip of the rod a few inches. The additional weight of the sinker should be felt and seen in the rod, and when the rod tip is lowered, a distinct "thud" should be detected as the sinker touches bottom again. If you have trouble feeling these sensations, you have poor line control. What are you going to do about it?

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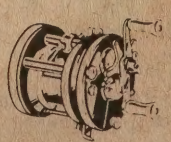

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"I Know A Place"— Sandworms for Bass

by Ron Walinchus

Not too many years ago, on a slow summer evening, I was standing on the end of a jetty and searching the water with a floating plug for something to catch. An elderly man next to me was doing the same. The fish did not cooperate and a conversation with the gentlemen soon started.

We swapped fish stories, told our lies, and the big one that got away. As the conversation continued, I realized that I was doing more listening than talking. I also realized that the man knew quite a bit and that his stories all had the ring of truth to them. Maybe they were a little exagerated, but they were essentially true.

I found out that the man was retired and currently living in Florida. He was here on Long Island only for a vacation. He had spend most of his life working and fishing in Montauk, That did it! The word Montauk always turned my head. It was a magical, mysterious word. I held it in awe and said it with reverence. Surely, it was the fisherman's Garden of Eden, teeming with giant fish. Head east to Mecca—Montauk—the holy place.

The old man reaffirmed my dreams of monster striped bass with his own tales of past expereinces. He casually mentioned places like Shagwong, the North Bar, Gin Beach, the Point, Ditch Plains, Turtle Cove as the stories of his exploits unfolded. Needless to say, I listened quite intently, trying to learn some small bit of information, some secret he would unintentionally give away—for I had never had the chance to fish Montauk enough to really get to know the place. I always felt that everyone knew something I did not. I lacked the confidence that first hand knowledge teaches.

I explained this to him hopefully. I was pleasantly surprised when he said, "Son, I know a place where I can almost guarantee that you will catch a bass on any summer night. Fish this place with sandworms when the tide starts moving out and before it runs out you will be into bass, believe me!"

He went on to explain that this place was a south shore beach that looked like many other non-descript beaches from shore. The thing that made this beach really different from the others was that a little way from the breakers the bottom was lined with rocks that could not be seen from shore, even at low tide. He explained that bait was the best way to fish this place and that sandworms were the best bait. One would encounter mostly school sized fish but there were enough "biggies" to make it more than interesting.

I filed this tidbit of knowledge away in my mind. The man left and I never saw him again. After a while, I began thinking. I became curious. Could this be true or was it another one of those "I know a place..." stories? I decided not to pass up the chance and would give it a try.

One August night my wife and I drove to Montauk to the spot, and we were loaded with an arsenal of rods and sandworms. The night was balmy; the tide was high, and the moon was full. With great expectations we set up on the beach. Before we finally returned to the car, my wife and I had eight bass averaging around five pounds, nothing of great size, but exhilarating none the less. It was true; this was the spot to cure those summer doldrums.

A few years had passed since that experience. It was not the end of July and the summer slow-down had begun. My hunting buddy, who had recently discovered that there are large fish on Long Island, decided that he wanted to try to catch some large striped bass, or to put it a little more exactly—any striped bass. Now Paul began his salt water fishing experiences last fall in the middle of a fantastic bluefishing episode. He became hooked. The fact that we had a fairly exciting spring with some large weakfish and fluke did not seem to help. Now he wanted a taste of some bass fishing.

Needless to say, this was not especially the time of year to look for and find spectacular bass fishing. The cogs in my brain began turning; I was looking for a way. Should we chum with clams at Eatons Neck, search for bunker to live line off the Huntington beaches, cast live eels off Democratic Point, drift worms in Concious Bay, or plug some other beach? Then the filecard of memory popped out of the old computer—Montauk—"I know a place..."

Well, Paul had never fished with worms from the beach. It would be a new experience for him and, hopefully an exciting experience for both of us. We had, to my way of thinking, picked a perfect night. The tide would be high a little while after we first hit the beach, with about a half hour of daylight left. This would give us plenty of time to set up our equipment without the difficulty of darkness. The moon was full starting two nights ago.

Somewhere, a while ago, I had read an article which theorized that some of the best fishing is to be had starting with the first night of the full moon and continuing for five days after. My own experiences have proven this theory true to me and I believe in it. The effect of the moon on the water makes for a stronger higher tide.

The full moon, the stronger outgoing tide, the fact that it was night,

and that the striper is basically a nocturnal feeder raised our expectations. We rigged up and began fishing.

Sandworms were the bait. When casting from the beach it is unnecessary and very expensive to use the very large worms commonly referred to as bass worms or super bass worms. Because of the ease with which they break off when cast, one usually ends up throwing more worms out to sea than he presents to the fish.

We purchased a flat (10 doz.) of sandworms, and made up in quantity on the hook what lacked in size—a big bait for a big fish. The reason for the number of bait that we brought with us was that the worms did break off at times when cast, or when retrieved through the wash. One constantly has to keep fresh, whole baits on the hook to be effective.

The experience of running out of bait just as the fish are starting to hit is not a pleasant one. So, bring along plenty of bait.

There are two basic rigs that we use. Both have the bait holder hook, a small float, about three feet of heavy leader that terminates in either a loop or a three way swivel. One rig uses a sinker that is secured from sliding along the line, and the other is the old fish finder rig (see illustration).

These rigs can be found in almost any tackle shop. Some rigs only have one hook and others have a large hook with a smaller bait keeper hook directly above it. I prefer using the rig with a secured sinker either clipped into the snap swivel or hung from a three way swivel. I find that when casting a fish finder rig the sinker has a tendency to slide down the line, thereby cutting down on the casting distance considerably. But this is a personal opinion. The advantage of a fish finder rig is that when a fish picks up the bait it does not feel the weight of the sinker. It is very effective.

Two or three worms are thread onto the hook. Place the point of the hook into the opening in the worm where those nasty little pinchers come out. Work the worm up the shank of the hook as far as it will go. If the hook has the bait holder barbs on, the worm will not slide down. If the hook does not have the bait holder barbs, push the head up over the snell; that should keep it from sliding. The hook will now protrude out of the worm so that most of the worm dangles enticingly.

The floats on the leader section of the rigs should be pushed to within six inches of the hook. This will hold the worms off the bottom where they will dangle, squirm, and sway with the currents. Most floats are either fluorescent red, orange, or yellow. These colors probably act as attractors but I am not totally convinced of it.

The type and weight sinker used is dependent on a few factors. If the bottom is mostly sand, a pyramid sinker will hold. If there are rocks about, a bank sinker will prevent some hang-ups. As the speed of the tide increases or decreases, the weight should be changed. The sinker should be just heavy enough to hold the bottom.

One does not have to cast a country mile—under the cover of darkness the bass become less wary and will move in closer to the shoreline. Sometimes it seems like they are right in the wash. Besides, too much muscle in the cast will probably snap off the brittle worms. Because of the darkness this will go undetected. The futility of fishing without bait when you are bait fishing is both annoying and nonsensical.

A balanced outfit should be used. This consists of a rod with enough backbone to cast the bait and sinker without putting too much strain on it, and a reel that will hold enough line in the 15-20 lb. class. The heavier line makes getting out of snags easier and less expensive, and it may be useful in stopping an outsized fish from stripping the reel.

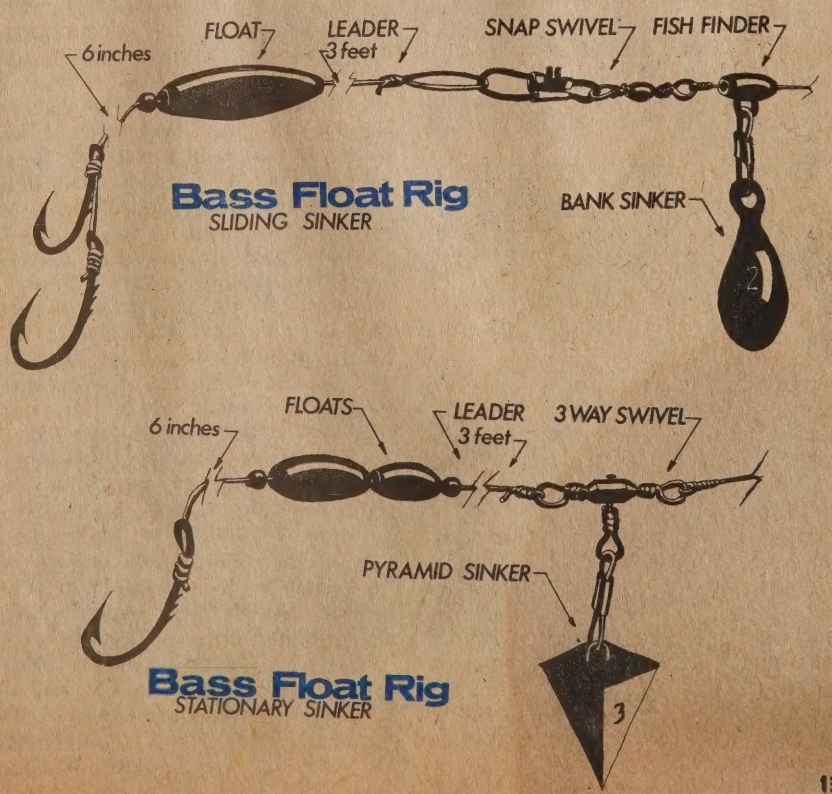
Well, we rigged up, cast out, set the rods in the sand spikes, and loosened the drags on the reels so that if a fish did hit hard, the rods would not be pulled down into the sand. Ever try working a reel that has been dropped in the sand?

There we sat on the sand, watching the moon change from a glowing red, to orange, and finally to white. We were taken with the beauty of the night; we relaxed. We dreamed and planned future fishing trips, next season's hunting trips; we were caught by the serenity of the beach.

Occasionally, we would check the baits or reel in a dogfish. After a couple of hours, one of the rods started bucking wildly. In a brief flurry of excitement a striped bass of thirteen pounds lay completely exhausted in the wash. Then later another. Then still later, line started peeling off one of the reels. At the end of the line was a bass that weighed out better than twenty pounds. There it was struggling against the sandworm that had hidden the hook. Fantastic!!

As we packed up and headed to the sleeping bags in the car, I could not help but think that this scene had taken place many, many times at most beaches around Long Island. Sure, there are nights when the only things that are biting are the no-see-ums, but there are also nights filled with fish. Fishing from the beach with sandworms is truly an interesting and very effective way of spending a summer night.

As I lay back in my sleeping bag, I remembered that old man on the jetty and thanked him. For he truly "knew a place..." and a method.



Late Summer Fluke

by Matt Ahern

I'm sure this year will go into the record books as having had some of the best fluke fishing in a good long time. By now, though, the height of the season has waned and less and less fluke are being caught each day. Most fluke fishermen have retired their gear until next summer, content to savor past exploits as they sharpen flounder hooks and quietly keep a finely-attuned ear cocked for the first news of fall flounder fishing.

But don't give up on fluke yet. There are still some around and now is the time for serious doormat fluke fishing. You will find few of these larger fluke inside bays and creeks, but you are sure to find them around ocean inlets and adjacent areas. This is where they engage in a fattening up for the long trek offshore to their wintering grounds on the Continental Shelf.

You'll also find few "throw-backs" in late September. Those that were returned as borderline-sized fluke earlier in the season are sure to be keepers now. But these aren't the ones of interest to the experienced late summer fisherman.

What this fisherman looks for now are the larger fluke foaming the inlets, greedily devouring every bit of forage they can get their gaping jaws around. It isn't difficult to catch these fluke. You won't get as many as during mid-season, but those you do get will be worthwhile.

Rigging for these larger fish is not much different than that used during mid-season. Your rod should be heavier, that's about all. Unless you have a medium-weight spinning rod and matching reel available, I would think seriously about using a conventional rod and reel.

There is good reason for this: You will be fishing where currents are normally stronger and you will be using a heavier sinker to hold bottom. Needless to say, if you aren't on bottom, you will catch few fluke. Light spinning equipment won't do the job properly.

If using the recommended spinning equipment, you can easily get by with a matching reel filled with twelve to fifteen pound test monofilament. If using conventional tackle, I wouldn't hesitate to fill the reel with at least one hundred yards of good quality twenty pound test mono.

Regardless of what type of reel is used, make sure the drag is adjusted properly. You'd be amazed at the amount of large fluke lost each year due to improperly set drag adjustments. Especially does this apply when inlet fishing and larger than usual fluke are the expected thing.

Take into consideration, too, the fact that not only can the next fluke weigh eight to ten pounds, but your rate of drift will be greater, more line is apt to be trailing along the bottom, all of which puts great strain on the line. It will pay to experiment to get the proper setting. The hardest thing to do is to bring a large fluke to the surface from a drifting boat. It will surely thrash about. Don't lose it because of a poorly set drag.

My hook choice is a 4/0 Carlisle or Kirby hook. These long shanked hooks are worth their weight in gold when a large fluke seizes the bait. One look at that enormous mouthful of wickedly-pointed teeth will make you glad you didn't use one of the shorter shanked hooks, such as the Sproat. A word of caution: Treat any fluke with respect, particularly doormats.

There are many pros and cons about correct leader length for fluke. Some fishermen feel it isn't too important, and have no qualms about using whatever is available. They will steadfastly tell you they have no trouble catching fluke with a short leader as well as one of longer length. And they do. But I believe they would catch more if they used one of three feet for their fluke fishing during the regular season and increased it to four feet when fishing in late summer.

I can't tell you why this extra foot should make such a difference. I do know, though, that those fishermen who do use these four-footers while fishing the inlets in late summer catch more and larger fluke every time.

If you haven't leaders of this length, there isn't much you can do about it this late in the season. Some fishermen use fifty pound test mono line as a temporary substitute. Others join two eighteen-inch leaders and add a suitable snelled hook which gives them a four-footer, or close to it.

But this winter when you're tired of staring at the idiot box, do it right and send a postcard to Midland Tackle Company, 66 Route 17, Sloatsburg, New York 10974, and request a copy of their catalog which lists 42 inch leader material in weights from 20 to 60 pounds. This is just what is needed for this all-important part of your terminal tackle. Twenty pound test is right for your fluke leader.

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Use a bank sinker. Its tear-drop shape picks up less debris and easily slides past most obstructions. I can't tell you the exact weight as rate of drift and changeable current strength brings its own daily requirements. Wind and its direction also play a big part. Bring several sizes ranging from three to eight ounces and you will have no trouble.

Place your leader about three inches above the sinker, with or without the aid of a three-way swivel. My preference is to tie the leader directly to the main line at the required distance by forming a two-inch dropper loop made with a double-over-hand knot.

When this knot is drawn up slowly, and the drag setting is carefully adjusted, it will hold without difficulty any outsized fluke that comes your way. I have never lost a fluke due to this knot cutting through the line when these precautions were taken.

Bait is no problem as these late summer fluke dote on just about anything that swims, so long as it is of suitable size. A strip bait made from the tail of a sea robin is seldom refused. Four-inch belly strips cut from your smaller fluke to which has been added a live killes are greedily accepted. So, too, are same sized pennant-shaped strips of squid.

Large spearing are fine if not too soft, especially when added to a strip cut from the top side of a fluke. When using these larger baits, be sure to allow the fluke time to get it down. Don't be over-anxious to set the hook. If you work it right, the fluke will let you know in unmistakable terms when it has the hook.

If there is a preferred bait to use around inlets for fluke, it has to be a good-sized sand-eel. Run the hook through the head, then back about

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BY FRED GUARDINEER

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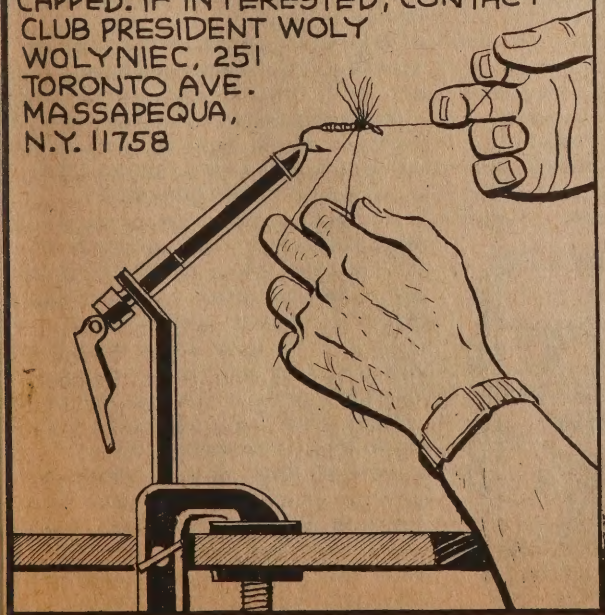

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Doormat Paradise

by Ron Onorato

We had been drifting lazily over the rock strewn bottom for over an hour and we had yet to have any hits on out smelt baits. From what we could see, the party boats that were fishing in the area had been doing little. It was around the end of September, and George Oliver and myself were drifting around the vicinity of the Fire Island Reef in the hopes of fooling some of the real outsize doormats that had been lurking about the area.

There was no life of the North side of the reef, so we ran to the eastern edge of it, after marking it on the bottom recorder. There was a trace of a Southwest wind, so we ran the boat up onto the reef itself, and the drift would carry the boat away from it. Our first drift produced nothing but some small bites, presumably sea bass hits. Out second drift was a bit different.

We had been fishing two rods, with one in the holder. As soon as the boat pulled off the edge of the reef, the rod in the holder started jumping. I threw my rod down and grabbed the other one. I quickly put the reel into free spool and fed about ten feet of line to the fish.

I waited another second or so, and then put the reel in gear and lifted the rod sharply. It was then that I felt the telltale fight of a fluke. This fish had weight to it. Like most fluke, this fish came off the bottom easily and shook its head once or twice. When the fish loomed into sight, my eyes almost popped out of my head. George was also awe struck. This fish had to be 18 or 19 pounds.

From past experiences with big fluke, I know that if I don't get the fish on the first swipe with the net, it's usually goodbye unless the fish is gut hooked. This fish was not gut hooked for I could see the tiny hook wedged in the corner of its mouth. The gods of fluke fishing were smiling down upon us that day for George got the fish on the first pass.

I threw the fish in the box and started up the boat for another pass over the reef. Try as hard as we could, we didn't raise another fish after a dozen drifts. It was still early so we headed to the stone barges of Jones Beach and would give that a shot.

As it turned out, we picked up six fluke at the barges before the wind picked up and we called it a day. While some may call seven fluke a slow day's action, we thought otherwise. The smallest fish was 8½ pounds and the big one hit the scales at 17 pounds even. The seven fish had a combined weight of 70 pounds!

For the past few years, a handful of sharp fishermen have been reaping a harvest of doormat fluke. It was a well kept secret and then it leaked out and all hands had some action. If all goes accordingly, and based on the past two season's catches, this fall should produce a bononza of the ironing board sized flatfish.

Timing is the key element of this type fishing. For a period of about two weeks, sometime in September, monster fluke go on a feeding binge along the south shore beaches. The wrecks, reefs, rocks and other hard pieces all hold these large fluke, some having more fish than others. Apparantly the giant fish feed up heavily on the abundant forage of the bottom before heading to their wintering grounds on the Continental Shelf.

Depending on weather conditions, the fish will show up anywhere from the first of September, and may stay into the beginning of October. I figure the middle two weeks of September to be the prime time.

This is big fish fishing. I rarely encounter fish of less than four pounds, and all tackle, baits, and rigs are geared for the big fish.

Despite the fact that you will be fishing a foul bottom, there is no need to go to real heavy rods for this fishing. A six or seven foot light to medium weight boat rod with 15 or 20 pound line is as heavy as you need go. Even with a strong current running, you will rarely be using more than six or eight ounces of lead.

The simpler the terminal tackle is kept, the better. While many fishermen use tandem rigs, double hook rigs, etc. I like to stay away from them. I have found that a single #3/0 to 5/0 short shank tuna hook to be the most effective. I rig these on a three foot length of 40 pound mono. With the use of a three way swivel, I attach the hook to the line about 14 inches above the sinker. This keeps the bait and hook away from the bottom obstructions, and gives the fish a better view of the bait.

There are a variety of baits that you can use, just remember that you're going after big fish, and the baits should be big too. My favorite bait is fresh smelt. I will go to the fish market the day before a trip and hand pick two pounds of the largest smelts he has. Some of these smelts may go 7 or 8 inches in length.

Rigging the smelts on the hook isn't too difficult. I put the hook through the eye of the smelt and run it once through the shoulder. In this manner, the smelt has a slight curve to it that causes it to spin ever so slightly. This I believe attracts the fluke to it.

Another favorite and perhaps the most deadly bait of all is a long flowing strip of fluke belly. When using this bait, don't be afraid to use a really long piece of strip. A six or seven inch piece isn't too long. Make it about an inch or so wide, and taper it to a point. Insert this through the hook just once.

Other baits that are widely used for these ocean doormats include whole squid of all sizes. A really superb bait are fresh caught snappers of all sizes. It should be mentioned, that regardless of what bait you use, try to get it fresh, rather than frozen. Frozen bait often gets like mush when thawed and

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is easily torn from the hook. One last bait that some fellows used with some success were small bergalls caught from the wreck and fished live.

When the bait glides over the bottom, a fluke will see it and grab onto it. It is here that the most critical part of fluking comes in. Drop the bait back to the fish and let him eat. This may mean as much as twenty feet of line. Wait a couple of seconds after the dropback and put the reel in gear and lift the rod sharply. Hopefully you will have nailed the fish. If not, drop the bait back and hope he grabs it again. Once hooked, it is a matter of simply reeling in the fish slowly. Despite their size, big fluke are poor fighters. Once near the top, keep the fish a few feet below the surface and lead it towards the net. If the fish is too big for the net, you may have to gaff him which isn't too good.

Big fish can be caught anywhere there are bottom obstructions and wrecks. Last year the artificial reef off Fire Island was a big producer. Many of the small, inshore wrecks off Jones Beach had nice fish. These are usually old wrecks and are marked on most nautical charts. You can try to scout them up on your own or look for some other boats fishing them and mark it with shore ranges for a future time.

The Rockaway Reef is easily located because it is marked with a spar buoy. Buoy 4 off Debs Inlet will hold fish at one time or another. Sometimes the mussel beds south of Long Beach will hold fish. They are scattered in 55 feet of water.

One item that is indispensible in this fishing is some sort of marker buoy. You can use the marker buoy to mark the edge of the wrecks or you can mark the location of where you nailed some fish. Making these buoys has been well covered in past articles.

On very windy days, where drifting is all but impossible, you might want to try what some of the old time party boat skippers use to do. They would anchor directly over the wreck or reef and instruct their fares to cast out away from the boat using underhand casts. Once their baits were cast away from the wreck, they would retrieve the baits very slowly or in sharp, quick hops. Though it is a lot of work, it has accounted for some nice fish.

The chance for a record fluke is very possible in the fall off these wrecks. I knew of at least 10 fish taken by various anglers that weighed between 15 and 19 pounds. Though the action may not be a bonanza, the fish you pick will make the effort well worthwhile.

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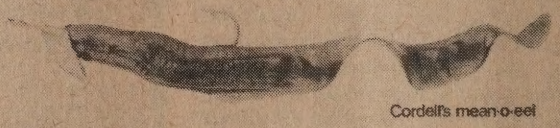

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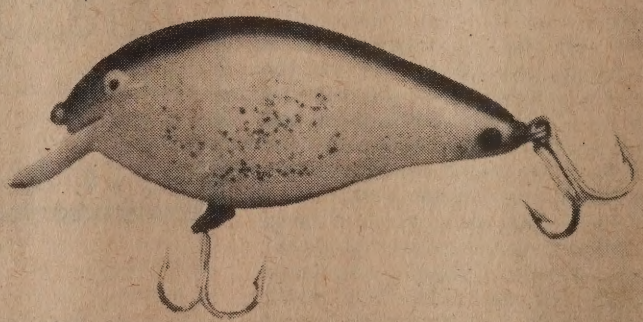

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CORRECTION

In last week's issue of the Long Island Fisherman a typographical error appeared in Doc Grell's article on Sharks. Captain Paul Sundberg is the skipper of the charterboat "Montauk," not Frank Mundus.

SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

MONTAUK

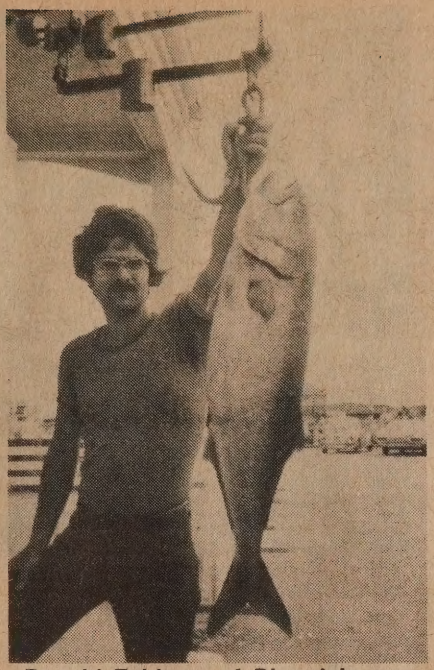
Captain Richard Rade of the **Marlin III** said that they are killing the porgies. Fishermen are averaging between 50 and 100 fish and the hi-hook was around 150 daily. The porgies are just about any where according to the tide. The porgies are big and sea bass and an occasional blackfish are also mixed in. On Friday a 9 lb. fluke that took a clam bait won the pool. Larger porgies are at Great Eastern and should continue hot and heavy through October.

Captain Brad Glas of the **Helen II** said that bluefishing was very good all week at the Race, slowed up on Saturday and picked up on Sunday again. The smallest bluefish are a hefty 8 pound, some up to 15 daily and the pool is 15 lb. or higher.

Captain Dick Vigilant of the **Triton II** said that the bluefishing has been excellent on the bottom with bait in the outer Cartwright area with many 15 and 17 pound fish taken. On Thursday and Friday over 200 big blues were taken each day for a party of 10 men.

Captain Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** says that as far as the porgies are concerned there doesn't seem to be a bottom to the barrel. Bud

The decks are loaded aboard the "Marlin II" of Montauk from his bottom fishing trips. This catch was made by 4 men on the September 2nd trip.



Donald Feldman of Riverdale was the pool winner aboard the "Peconic Queen II" with 6 blues with the pool winner weighing in at 20 lbs. 4 oz.

is changing his weekday sailing time to 6 A.M. but the Saturday and Sunday sailing times will still be 5 A.M.

Captain Ron Grandinetti of the charterboat **Julie II** had a party of 3 aboard Saturday and Sunday that took 1000 pounds of porgies up to 4 pounds at Great Eastern and off Caswells.

Mrs. Hilda Tuma of **Tuma's Tackle Shop** told us that bluefishing has been very good at the Submarine Buoy and Great Eastern trolling Umbrella rigs and feathers. The blues are all sizes from 3 to 15 pounds and there are usually 2 or 3 striped bass mixed in with the catch. A few bass up to 40 lbs. are being trolled on both tides at the Pollack Rip. The **Jigger III** had a 12½ lb. fluke last week. There are all kinds of sharks offshore, including makos, hammerheads and whites.

John Keller of the **Lake Montauk Marina** told us that the porgies are hot and heavy at Great Eastern and the Radar Balls. A few large fluke are left on the south side. Striped bass are starting to show at the Pollack Rip and Great Eastern. Bob Harter took a 40 lb. bass jigging a feather at Great Eastern. Bluefish are very good at Great Eastern and south side on umbrella rigs. Sharks are still strong offshore. The charterboat **Bronco** took 7 blue sharks on Friday, 2 of which were 278 and 290 lbs. On Monday the Bronco took 4 blue sharks and a 178 lb. mako.

Henry Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** called to tell us that the **Storfisk** went 40 miles offshore 180 degrees and fished all Saturday night for sharks. They took 15 blue sharks, 3 of which they brought back to the dock that weighed up to 190 lbs. 8 and 10 pound bluefish also came into the chum slick. On Sunday the **Entertainer** went out 35 miles 160 degrees from the Point and took 2 blue sharks 240 and 260 pounds and 1 mako 47½ pounds. The "Chisoris" took 3 blue sharks to 190 lbs. at the Butterfish Hole. The "Tessa" trolled 50 bluefish on Sunday. The "Mad Millie" took 16 fluke in 20 feet of water off Kings up to 9 lbs. on Sunday. The "Friendship" had 20 fluke up to 11 lbs. 4 oz.

Joe Taormina called to tell us that on Saturday he fished with Jack Nessel on the "Playpen" out of Cove Marina and took an 18 lb. 4 oz. fluke. They had a total of 14 fish, 6 in the 5-8 pound category. Whole squid on a tandem hook rig on the south side off the radar station in 70 feet of water.

PROMISED LAND

Porgy fishing is excellent and should remain strong until mid October. Best areas are can 3 by the station and off Gardiners Island. Still a few fluke off Hicks Island. Bluefish are spotty, working under the birds. An occasional sea bass and a few blackfish are beginning to mix in with the porgies.

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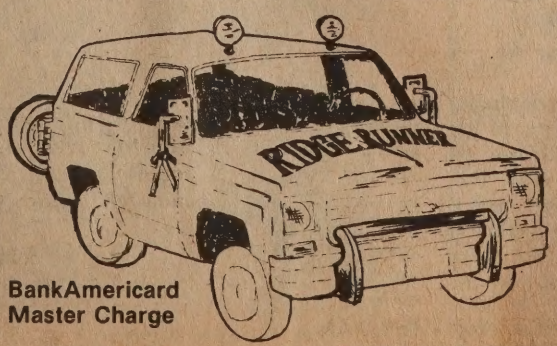

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SAG HARBOR

Helen at the **Noyac Marina** said that fishing was very good on Saturday with mixed bags of weakfish, porgies, kingfish and fluke. Weakfish are in the channel off Jessups and between the Monastery and the pink house. Porgies are all over with some big humpbacks. Quite a few fluke taken off the Yacht club and the buoy 16 area.

SHINNECOCK

Micky at **Altenkirch Tackle** told us that the bluefish are being trolled on Umbrella rigs right outside of the inlet and large fish to 15 pounds are being taken from the beach at Ditch Plains. Fluke are showing good in the inlet. Blackfish are starting to show in the inlet and strong in Shinnecock Canal as they move into the Peconics.

One of the **Captain Clark Boats** took 60 medium size weakfish on Peconic Bay on Sunday. Still very good porgies on the local wrecks and holes in Peconic Bay.

HAMPTON BAYS

Tony's Fishing Station told us that the fluke fishing has been fair to good both inside and outside Shinnecock Inlet. Sand eels or killies and squid are producing best on incoming tide. Some flounder are in front of the station at buoy 21.

MORICHES BAY

Bob Cole at **Moriches Bait and Tackle** told us that fluke are being taken both inside and outside the inlet on any moving tide and any bait that you can get your hands on but there

Chris Stuven caught this heavyweight, 18 lb. 2 oz. fluke in the new cut on killies and sand eels. Photo courtesy of Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station.

are still many throwbacks. Bluefish are being trolled outside the inlet between the mouth and the sea buoy with some Albacore mixed in. Flounder are just starting in the deep holes. Some blackfish are being taken at the rocks of the Moriches Inlet jetties.

John at **Skidmore's Fishing Station** told us that some great catches were made over the weekend. Fluke are very good around buoys 38 and 39 with sand eel and squid baits on all moving tides. Quite a few 4 and 5 pound fluke are mixed in the catches. Flounders are off to a very good start east of buoy

S. Albert, R. Archinger and F. Hines with 33 keeper fluke they caught off the Coast Guard Station on sand eels and squid. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's

42. One boat during the week took 70 flounder there between ½ and 1¼ pounds. Sea bass and kingfish and a few blowfish are in the same area. John also told us he heard that a private boat took 14 weakfish on salty dogs east of buoy 42. Snappers are all over the place. Crabs very good at the mouth of Harts Cove.

Jeff at the **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station** had an unusual story of a young man that was taking fluke trolling a Johnson Sprite in Seatuck Cove from a Kayak. Fishing in general was slow on the weekend. Fluke are being taken in the inlet area on outgoing tide on sand eels and squid. Fish are now mostly keepers. Flounder are off to a good start in the Cove. Jeff asked us to remind LIF subscriber club members that they still have time to use the $5 discount coupon they received in their Fisherman's Package.

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FISHING TRIP CONTEST

Albert Lennartz of Lindenhurst called into LIF a description of his car by the Friday deadline to become this weeks LIF litter box contest winner. Al has been sent a check for $10 and has also chosen a free fishing trip for two aboard the Capt. Joseph Fleet in Captree for his prize. For information on how you may participate in the contest **see page 48.**

"Wall to wall bluefish," spread across the 17 ft. beam of Capt. Dick Vigilant's "Triton II." The mess of bluefish were taken on bait by a party of eight in an evening trip.

Bob Scelsa and wife Linda of Brooklyn with 38 fluke and 1 bonito taken at the Elbow on sand eels and squid. Photo courtesy of Silly Lily Fishing Station.

MASTIC BEACH

Sean at **Keenan's Fishing Station** tells us that there are blowfish being caught on squid at buoy 17 along with large snappers on spearing. Lots of crabs in traps. Try for fluke between buoy 28 and the inlet, which are fewer in number but some nice keeper size fish. Some kings at the bridge about 1 pound, on squid. Sea bass and big eels are all over the bay.

WEST SAYVILLE

Vito at **South Bay Fishing Station** reports lots of weaks and kings in the mouth of the Conequott River, also known as Great River. The kings are running to 2½ pounds and can be hunted out in front of Lasalle Academy with squid on the bottom. Weakfish are to 5 pounds which are being taken on lures and squid, best on an ebbing tide. Big snappers and blue claw crabs and eels are all in abundance in the bay.

J & R Sports Center reports kings and porgies between buoys 4 and 5 off Heckshire on worms, squid, and yellow neck worms. Lots of small blowfish on all tides. Big weakfish have been taken off the Fire Island Lighthouse, 8-13 pounds on live snappers on the inside, the bait being drifted out in the tide. Experiement with depths. Weaks are off Sayville in mid bay and also close in, along with harbor blues and snappers. A 3½ pound porgy was weighed in on Saturday.

Young's Fishing Station reported a good week and weekend with kingfish, fluke, sea bass, weakfish and small blues off Point O'Woods by anglers Egidio Catareli and Jacobs of the Bronx. The Wade family, fishing off buoy 30 had porgies in the 2½ pound class along with kingfish, sea bass, fluke and weaks, all on squid tipped hi-lo rigs on a flooding tide.

Mike's Fishing Tackle in Farmingdale reports that flounders are starting to take sand worms off Heckshire, but the customer that came in with them, doesn't know exactly where he was fishing. Mike will have worms by next weekend, and has dyed clam now.

CAPTREE

Captain Neil Delanoy of the **Lady Ann** told us that Marty Beltrami of Huntington Station took a 12 pound 9 ounce doormat fluke on Sunday. Fishing over the weekend was fantastic for large fluke at the Fire Island artificial reef. On Sunday a dozen of the 125 fluke taken were over 6 pounds. On Saturday more than 125 fluke were taken topped by an 8 lb. 2 oz. fish. On both days 50 to 100 sea bass were mixed in. Bluefishing was great on Friday east/southeast of Fire Island Inlet in 80 feet of water. 160 blues were taken during the day and 500 fish 3 to 10 pounds were taken Friday night. Hi-hook was 40 bluefish.

Captain George Tweedy of the **Captain Scotty** told us that the bluefishing was very good all week and fantastic on Saturday when 500 bluefish 6 to 14 pounds, 8 Albacore and a couple of tuna were taken. Fishing on Sunday dropped considerably. Night bluefishing has been excellent with larger fish taken. Best area now is southeast of the lighthouse in 80 feet of water.

Captain Frank Swanson of the **Captain Swanson II** said that the fluke fishing was pretty good on Friday with 4 to 5 keepers per man. Fluke are both inside and outside the inlet when the weather is good and the pool fish usually run 5 to 6 pounds. The fluke outside are on the artificial reef, shoals and wrecks and should last into October. Ebb tide has been best.

The **Captree Bait Station** informs us that some fluke were taken this week at the Fire Island Piers, with some weaks caught at the Sore Thumb and off the lighthouse on the inside, on live snappers. The fluking is good off the Jones Beach Piers on killies, spearing or squid. Incoming tide best. Noel also says there are plenty of snappers at the Captree, Fire Island and Jones Beach Piers.

The **Jib V and VI** are still fluking in,

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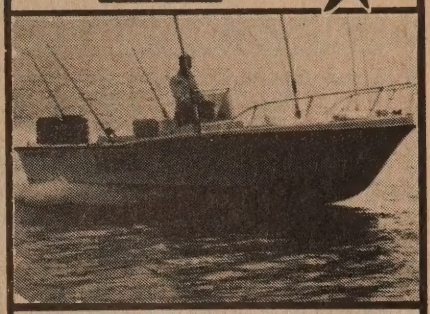

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around, and outside of Fire Island Inlet and providing good catches for most hands.

EAST ISLIP

Don at **Wet-A-Line Bait and Tackle** reports lots of snappers at Fire Island Inlet and Democratic Point. These are falling to shinners and small tins. Big weaks were taken at Democratic Point on Sunday night, falling to creek chub poppers and the Cordel Big O' on incoming, fish are up to 8 pounds. Snapper blues to 3 pounds are being taken from the beach. Fluking is still good off the lighthouse and in the inlet on squid and sand eels with incoming water best. The fluke are also bigger now.

BABYLON

Charlie's Fishing Station reports plenty of fluke and big weakfish in the deep waters of the state channel and in the Copiague Hole on live snappers fished on the bottom on a long leader. Try live-lining also with a piece of shot. Best on a flood tide. Some blows and sea bass and kingfish in the Fox Creek area. Plenty of crabs and snappers.

Augie's Bait and Tackle reports that 14 year old Pat Mulcaly hooked and landed a 414 tiger shark southeast of Fire Island Inlet in 160 feet of water over the weekend. Another biggie weighed in was an 11 pound fluke on Sunday.

LINDENHURST

Duke's Bait and Tackle reports snappers really good, especially in the state channel and Fire Island Inlet, running ¼ to a pound, snapper blue size. Fluke are good size and should be nice and hefty for the next few weeks in the inlet and just outside. Blues should pick up before their fall migration and should be bigger as well. Stripers are expected to take off within a week or two for surf fishermen and boatmen. Weaks will continue good for live snapper drifters. Also at the bell buoy off Gilgo Coast Guard Station, try drifting with wire and bunker spoons. Crabbing remains excellent, especially night netting. Some porgies, blowfish and king fish are taking worms in Fire Island Inlet. Blackfish are in at the bridges, the Sore Thumb and artificial reef on live fiddlers. Blacks running ½ to 4 pounds with bigger fish to come.

AMITYVILLE

George Comb's Bait and Tackle reports that the Copaigue Hole is producing kingfish, sea bass, porgies, blowfish and weaks, as is Zachs Bay,

Fred Wesch of Babylon caught this 5 lb. 5 oz. Largemouth Bass while freshwater fishing in Argyle Lake. Photo courtesy of Augie's Bait and Tackle.

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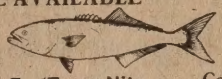

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LIF's "Believe-It-Or-Not" department: John Tarra and Mike McCabe tail roped this 52 lb. 12 oz. bass that they observed struggling in the canal at Babylon. The bass was said to be the victim of gill netting. The boys saw it, went in the water, roped the bass and dragged him ashore. Photo courtesy of Augie's Bait and Tackle.

SEAFORD

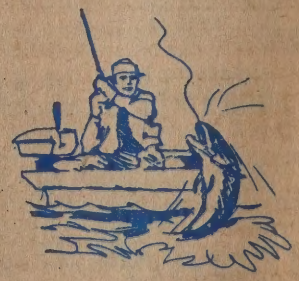
Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle tells us that the snapper fishing is fantastic and the snappers are big and meaty all over the bay, on shinners and small lures. Fluking is excellent at the Drawbridge, Squaw Island, Loop Channel Bridge, with live snappers atop bait in taking fluke and weaks. Lon weighed in a 7 lb. fluke and was told of a 15 pound fluke taken at the bridge on live snapper. Flounders are starting in the deep holes, such as Florence beach. Also, weaks are being jigged off Florence beach on Hopkins 75B. Some bass are being clam chummed in the measured mile of the state channel. Weaks are at the 3rd Wantagh bridge on either sand worms or snappers, and you should fish one hour on each side of slack. A 16 pound blue was nailed at the 3rd Wantagh on a live snapper. Crabbing is good in the flats but no good in close. Bass in the bay should start soon.

Salice Boat Basin reports fluking is good from Short Beach to the Wantagh Bridge on sand eels, squid, and killies. Flounders are starting to be picked up on worms and there are plenty of crabs all over.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports fluking has been good this week and weekend with Merrick Point producing particularly well on outgoing tide. Walter Fisher has 22 keepers Saturday and 12 on Sunday while drifting Merrick Point. The keeper ratio is much better these days. There are lots of snappers on the bottom which tear up your bait, so take enough along. Sea bass and small porgies are being caught at the Funday bridge and Sloop Channel bridge areas. No weak or flounder activity to report as yet.

Benny Troppe caught this 215 lb. mako south of Shinnecock in 160 ft. of water aboard the charterboat "My III Sons."



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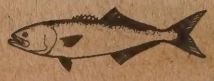

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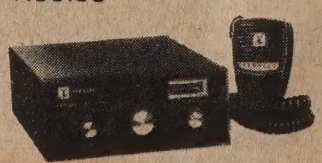

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FREEPORT

According to Richie Kessinger the **Starstream II** has had excellent bluefishing on the Cholera Banks. The blues are all sizes from 2-14 pounds with albacore and bonita mixed in. An occasional odd tuna to 25 pounds have been caught.

The open boat **Capt. Al** reports the bluefishing has been good all week long. Some albacore have been taken. This action took place on the Cholera Banks. On Sunday they loaded up on the blues.

Capt. Tony Maltese of the charterboat **Rocc** reports good striped bass catches in the State Channel near the Meadowbrook Bridge. They have been clam chumming and have caught stripers to 30 lbs. He also reports that in the early hours at dawn as many as 6 schoolies have been taken on Atom swimmers.

The **Nite Owl** charterboat fished Cholera Banks and southwest of it on Saturday. They caught bluefish, albacore and lost one tuna. On Sunday a shark trip was made southeast of Jones Inlet to 150 feet of water. Although the sharks were picky an 80 lb. mako was taken along with several other sharks.

On Saturday the **Dock One** fished for blues in snoty weather and did well. On Sunday a tuna charter was taken as far south as the Manasquan Inlet but they trolling produced nothing.

Al Feinstein with a 33 lb. tuna taken aboard the Acme II out of Freeport. Smelt was used as bait.

Tony Lucigano with 2 of 4 30 pound tuna and 2 dolphin taken aboard the "Kim" at the Mudhole.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports that the inlet is your best bet for fluke and sea bass right now. Saturday's catches were fair and Sundays better with 3 to 4 keepers per boat. Anglers John Schreiner and Pete Calafel had 30 kingfish and snappers on Saturday which they took on squid near the Jones Beach Piers. Plenty of snappers around.

Roy at **Mako Marina** tells us that Jerry DiSapio of Hudson Anglers on the **Misty** had a 48 pound cod taken on clam off a local wreck, and Tony Froitzheim bagged a 40 pound cod and a few others on the same trip, over the weekend.

POINT LOOKOUT

The **Angler II** has been fishing the Cholera Banks lately and has been hooking up with big blues. Tuna have also been taken in the slick and they have been as big as 35 pounds.

Ed's Fishing Station reports fluking is still good with some shorts. On the weekend 2 fishermen from Jersey took 100 blacks on fiddlers and 15 fluke on killies and sand eels at the inlet. Plenty of sea bass along Reynolds Channel at buoy 16, 18 and 20. There are also plenty of snappers and porgies at the same spots. Crabs are starting to show on the flats and in the back bays. Small striped bass have been taken on bucktails at the Malibou and at the jetties.

The **Marie III** fished for blues at the Cholera Banks on Saturday and

collected over 50 bluefish. The Sunday fishing was even better with over 70 blues caught. The 10 pound pool fish was won by a seven year old boy. The three children on board, the oldest which was 13 outfished the grownups 5 to 1.

ISLAND PARK

Capt. Bill of the **Ginnie Mae** reports bluefish of all sizes from 4 to 10 lbs. which have been taken all week long. A few tuna have also come aboard. The **Ginnie Mae** has been fishing the Three Sisters and Ambrose.

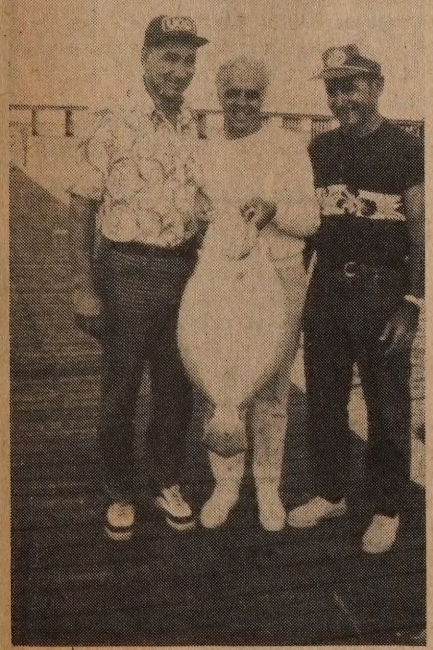
LONG BEACH

Capt. Glasser of the **Skipper** reports good fluke fishing on Saturday. They caught 3-5 pound fluke using sand eels and squid and fished the Ambrose Channel. On Sunday a bluefishing trip was made to Sea Bright. Although the bluefish were picky the sea bass catch was excellent. The blues finally hit on live bergalls which were caught while fishing for sea bass.

Long Beach Sports Marina says the fluke in Reynolds Channel are pretty big. Several to 9 pounds have been taken on smelts and live snappers as well as other bait. Live bunker fishing at the Atlantic Beach Bridge has produced many blues.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Plenty of pan sizes snappers says Leon at **Hennings Fishing Station.** Fluke fishing is pretty good but right now the new moon tide makes it a little tough. The channel fishing for fluke is reaping larger fish up to 10 pounds. The offshore buoy #4 has lots of sea bass and fluke. The mouth of the inlet has pin bass and small porgies. Offshore at the Cholera Banks and southwest to the BA buoy they are picking up tuna and albacore. These fish are being taken in a chum slick.



Here is a 18 lb. fluke caught by Modesto Mares aboard the "El John" out of Point Lookout Marina. The fluke was taken at the mouth of Jones Inlet. Photo courtesy of Ed's Fishing Station.

JAMAICA BAY

Noehrens fishing station says there is terrific snapper fishing at the north or south channel bridges. They are hitting on spearing and live killies. Sand porgies are also at the same spot. Floyd Bennet Field area is yielding occasional fluke. The hole at Floyd Bennet contains many weakfish of 3-6 pounds that are hitting on sand worms and shedder crabs. Bill himself had three very early Friday morning using worms. Blues are being caught at night at the north channel bridge. These 3-4 pound blues are hitting cut bunker or snappers.

Jim Clark caught this blue on live bunker in Rowboat Alley off Nicks Pt. in Merrick aboard the "Tiger Shark". The blue weighed in at 12 lbs. Subscriber Club Photo.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Big Mohawk II skipper Tony Barbato said the bluefish were picky on the weekend. Friday saw albacore and bonita being taken. The saving feature of the trip is the large amount of sea bass taken.

CaPT. Palermo of the **Mary** said

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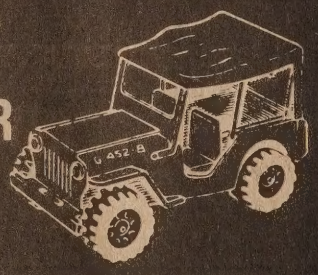

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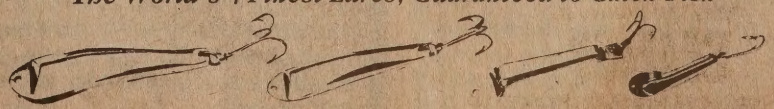

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Fred Kamerer of North Babylon on an overnite shark trip on the "Pompano" landed this 69 lb. tuna which was caught while chumming for sharks. The tuna was taken in 140 feet of water southeast of Fire Island Inlet on a herring bait. Photo courtesy of Augie's Bait and Tackle.

they are doing well on porgies. The wind on Saturday and strong tides on Sunday made for hard fishing but everyone loaded up on fish.

The **Helen H** has been fishing Sea Bright to the Klondike during the day for blues. At night, Sea Bright and 17 Fathoms seems best. Most of the blues are caught in mid water of 50 to 60 feet. A smattering of tuna to 40 lbs. along with some bonita and albacore. Pool fish go to 15 or 20 lbs.

The **Chief** has been doing well on fluke at the red side of Ambrose and at Sandy Hook. The fluke are of Mixed sizes and have been feeding heavily on sand eels. Blues have been OK at night during the weekend. These fish are also loaded with sand eels.

SALVO'S Bait and Tackle said the weakfish has been fantastic from Coney Island to Hoffman Island to the Verranzano bridge. These 5-10 pound weaks have been taken all on worms. Blues are scarce but big 10 pound blues have come to the surface at sun-up and sun-down and have been hitting all shinny lures. Porgies and snappers are plentiful along the sea wall.

Freddie at **Mike's Tackle** says tuna of 15 to 20 pounds have been taken at the BA buoy and the Klondike. Lots of bonita were taken on Sunday. The blues are at the Farms, Sea Bright and Klondike. 12 to 20 pound striped bass are off of Breezy Point. They are being taken on live bunker bait or porgies. Manhattan Beach has 5-10 pound weaks being taken on sand worms. Big blues on the red side of Ambrose being trolled on umbrella rigs. At Ambrose there are also nice size porgies and fluke.

Capt. Charles Locurto of the charterboat **Tone B** on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd had a party headed by Anthony Russo of Al Russo and Sons (Bait supplier of Sheepshead Fleet) and the results were 100-125 fish mixed bag of tuna, albacore, bonita and bluefish, all chummed at the Klondike Grounds.

Captain Mike Hipper of the **Pina III** had a charter out Sunday and bagged 58 bluefish and 3 striped bass in the 15 pound category.

STATEN ISLAND

The continuing run of small striped bass is still being taken on worms according to Lenny at **Santo's Sport Shop.** The beaches from Fort Wadsworth to Tottenville has good all around fishing for snappers, sand porgies and fluke. There has been a slow steady pick of 8-12 pound blues at south beach. These have been taken mostly at night on bunker. Mount Loretta at Princess Bay has small weaks of 1½ to 2 pounds being taken on worms. Some short striped bass have also been taken at the same time. Boat fishing at the 21 can has been a steady pick for bass and weaks on worms. The bluefish have been hitting bunker bait in the same area. Drifting worms on the incoming tide at Hoffman and Swinburne Islands have produced school bass of 3-6 pounds.

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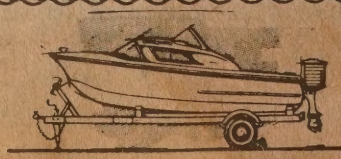

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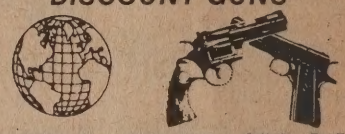

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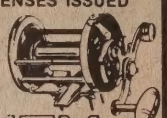

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Captain George Porter of the **Brand X** called to say that on Friday they began to fish for blues out of Greenport. Friday, Saturday and Sunday turned out to be bonanza fishing for the blues. All the pool fish were 10 pounds and over with good catches had by all. His brother Jay on the charterboat **Elanor** has also been loading up on blues. Most of these fish have been taken on the bottom using smelts or bunker chunks.

Dave Nockler is shown here holding two 40 lb. bass he caught in the Gut at Orient Point aboard Capt. Artie Rathje's boat the Wanderer. Subscriber Club Photo.

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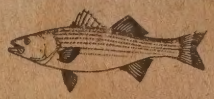

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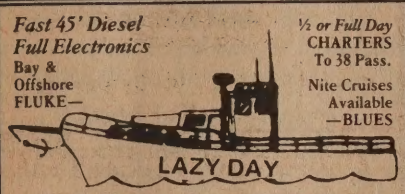

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has been an upsurge in weakfishing. These are being taken on worms and closer to the beach at Rose Grove. Buoy 25 and west of Robbins Island have had big catches of porgies using worms. Snappers are getting bigger and are now in the one pound class. These snappers are breaking water most of the time. Practically every boat is now coming in with at least a couple of kingfish. These are ½ or ¾ of a pound and up.

JAMESPORT

Jamesport Bait and Tackle reports the weakfish are seeming to get ready for the fall run. The south Race and buoy 30 has loads of fish being taken on sand worms or squid. Blues do not appear to attract these fish but the large Johnson Sprite or similar lures are worth a try. The porgies are all over the place and people are loading up on them. Snappers are getting big and run close to 1 pound. They are being taken on spearing or lures. In the Sound blues are hitting bunker or mackerel from the beach or breakwater. This is night action only.

WADING RIVER

Wildwood Deli reports plenty of snappers and porgies from the beach using the usual baits. Blues are scarce but when caught are three or four pounds. Buoy 7 is the place and bunker is the bait. They sometimes appear on top so be prepared with casting gear. Striped bass are nowhere. Blacks are just starting to show.

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Ralph's Fishing Station says that there are a lot more porgies to be had right now. A few blacks are also being taken while fishing for the porgies. A better bait for blacks is green crabs rather than the porgie bait. Blues are being taken during the day trolling umbrella rigs and tubes. At night bunker dunking is best. The fish average 6 pounds but range in size from 2 to 13 pounds. Fluke have been had both inside and outside the harbor drifting killies and squid.

PORT JEFFERSON

Captain Joe Cash of the **Port Jeff Ace** says big porgies of 1½ to 1¾ pounds are being picked up in big quantity. Blackfish of 3 to 4 pounds are just starting to show. Night bluefishing has been good most nights.

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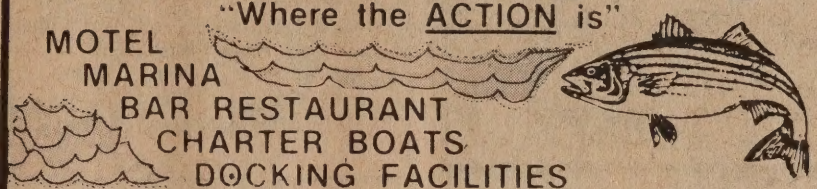

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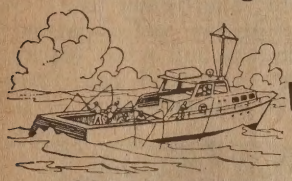

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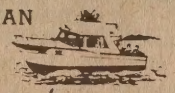

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which are chasing bunker throughout the harbor. Trolling Sekora tubes or Tri-Fin eels out at the Middle Grounds has also produced good sized blues. You must fish these deep on wire. So far very little striped bass activity has been reported in the local area. Porgies are plentiful at Port Jeff Harbor, Mount Sinai Harbor and at Cedar Beach. Snappers remain plentiful at most of the docks. Blackfishing is spotty.

Bottom fishing is producing porgies of ¾ to 2 pounds reports the **Betty W.** Blacks are starting to show in increase in size and numbers. When the weather and sea conditions permit the **Betty W** is fishing the Ridge at Smithtown Bay for blues at night. These fish are running 6-14 pounds.

NORTHPORT

Pete at **Greenlawn Sports Shop** says good sized blues of 10 to 12 pounds have been in Centerport and Northport bays. In the early morning you can hit them on plugs and bunker will get them throughout the day. There are tremendous schools of snappers and they are big. Very good porgy fishing at Asharoken, Centerport and Hobart beaches. Trolling worms off Little Neck Point has brought in striped bass to 10 lbs.

HUNTINGTON

Ronnie's Bait and Tackle said some bass and big blues are hitting bunker chunks and bucktails off of Lloyds Point, Eatons Neck and 11B. Big porgies off Marshall Field and Northport Bay on sand worms at all tides. Snappers are bigger and are being taken on shiney small tins. Good catches of weaks in Northport Bay and Sand City on sand worms. A few big fluke to 7 pounds have been taken southwest of the shoal at 11B in about 50 feet of water.

Captain Don of the **Ever Ready Fleet** called to tell us that he had over 1000 blacks and porgies on Sunday off Eatons Neck, and his bluefish trips are producing good catches.

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PORT WASHINGTON

Blues have been appearing on top quite frequently in Manhasset Bay. Plugs or chunk bait are taking these 12-14 lb. blues. Marian Gerardin caught a 14 lb. 9 oz. blue on chunk bait. There has been excellent porgy fishing at Execution Rocks. Weakfish have been trolled on tubes at the Merchant Marine Academy on tubes.

BAYVILLE

Pump's Park Fishing Station said they had an attack of the blues during the week. The weekend seemed to be devoid of blues at Center Island reef. The action at the reef consisted of loads of porgies and a few blackfish. Whitewood Point and can 19 also contained good quantities of porgies.

CITY ISLAND

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Mickey Mait with a 33 lb. 6 oz. striper he caught off Harts Island on 12 lb. test using a home-made bucktail. Subscriber Club Photo.

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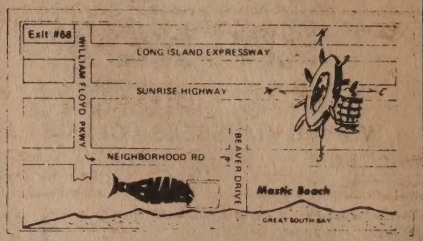

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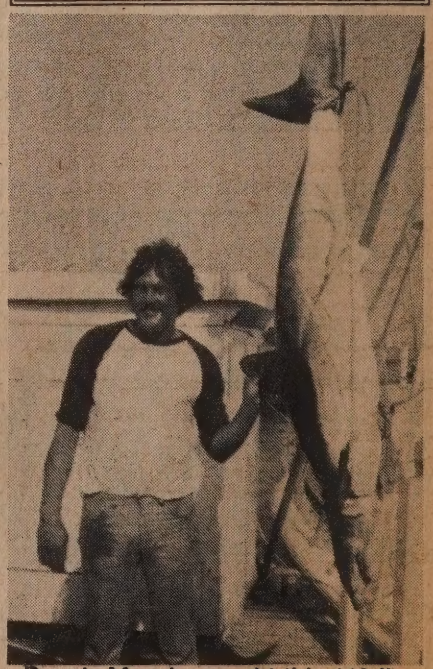

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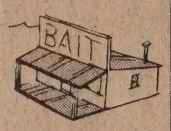

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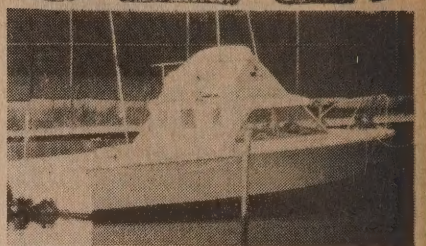

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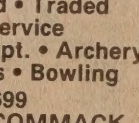

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GOIN' FISHING?

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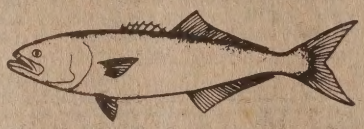
CONNECTICUT SCENE

Cooler waters have sparked bass action, particularly around Glen Island. Same spot produced the only surface blue action in the area. Porgies and sea bass provide plenty of action throughout the area. Snappers are literally all over the place. Trollers are scoring on blues around 32 and the E and F buoys. White tubes are best.



LATE SUMMER FLUKE

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mid-way through the body. As this bait is long and narrow, it is okay to set the hook when the fluke's weight is felt.

Another good bait are small snappers. I know the proper size is hard to come by at this time of year, but this is what I do. I make it a point every year in early July to catch a couple dozen small snappers; they are just the right size then. I handle them with tender, loving care, wrap them separately and place in the deep freeze. they are brought out at this time of year when placed on the hook in the same manner as sand eels, I can guarantee myself a fluke with each one. It is something to keep in mind for the next year.

Don't forget a net and use it on every fish brought to the surface. Hold the net quietly and lead the fish into it head first. Don't do it any other way, or you are apt to lose your fish. Fluke are tricky and many are lost at boatside by excited fisherman.

It isn't only around inlets where late summer fluke are caught. Offshore wrecks and rocky ledges such as exist on the Cholera Banks, 17 Fathom Bank and offshore Seabright play host to many outsized fluke at this time of year. The smart party boat fisherman, with the pool in mind, devotes some part of his day's fishing to this end. Nothing works better for bait than a small, lively bergall. Hook through the mouth and out the gill cover and allow the fluke time to munch before setting the hook.

Go out and get some of these late summer fluke soon. There isn't much time left!

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ON → / DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM
9/11 THURSDAY	12:33	1:06	2:16	2:41	4:18	4:45	4:05	4:28
9/12 FRIDAY	1:31	2:03	3:21	3:48	5:42	6:07	5:05	5:31
9/13 SATURDAY	2:32	3:05	4:30	4:57	6:57	7:24	6:09	6:35
9/14 SUNDAY	3:36	4:06	5:39	6:01	8:04	8:28	7:15	7:38
9/15 MONDAY	4:43	5:07	6:40	6:59	9:02	9:23	8:15	8:38
9/16 TUESDAY	5:39	6:02	7:30	7:49	9:53	10:14	9:09	9:29
9/17 WEDNESDAY	6:29	6:47	8:12	8:28	10:38	10:57	9:55	10:14
9/18 THURSDAY	7:11	7:27	8:48	9:03	11:18	11:36	10:38	10:56

SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Inlet & Dem. Pt.	−0 38
Coast Giard Sta.	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 00
Beach Ch. (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet −0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". − 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

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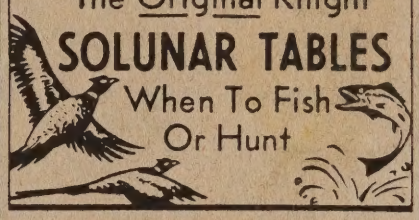

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good territory, hunting good cover during these times if you wish to find the best sport that each has to offer. The tables are not a guarantee that you will catch fish or see game during the period, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

	A.M. Minor	A.M. Major	P.M. Minor	P.M. Major
9/11	10:20	4:30	10:35	5:00
9/12	11:10	5:35	11:45	6:05
9/13		6:25	12:20	6:50
9/14	12:35	7:15	1:10	7:40
9/15	1:25	8:00	1:55	8:20
9/16	2:10	8:40	2:35	9:05
9/17	2:50	9:20	3:20	9:40
9/18	3:30	10:00	3:55	10:20

PHASES OF THE MOON

9-5	9-12	9-20	9-28
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

SUNRISE/SUNSET

9-6	6:31	7:25
9-12	6:37	7:16
9-18	6:43	7:06
9-24	6:48	6:54

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FISHING TRIP CONTEST

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HUNTINGTON STATION
Four Winds Tackle
Ronnie's Bait and Tackle

ISLIP
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ROCKY POINT
Bob's Lockeroom

MOUNT SINAI
Ralph's Fishing Station

LONG BEACH
Long Beach Sports

LINDENHURST
Charlie's Bait & Tackle
Charlie's West Tackle
Duke's Tackle Shop

COPAIGUE
S.T.P.A Copaigue

AMITYVILLE
George Combs Tackle
Jonas Bait & Tackle
Sportackular

SEAFORD
Lon Wanser Tackle
Eastern Reel Service

WANTAGH
Causeway Bait & Tackle

BELLMORE
Kwak's Tackle
Merrick Marine Supply

AQUEBOGUE
Warren's Tackle Center

MATTITUCK
North Fork Market

FREEPORT
Al Grover's
Charvin Marine
Grove & Atlantic Beer
Schultz Sporting Goods
Sea Isle Sports
Mako Marina
Anthony's Fishing Station
Dockside Diner
Hudson Point Marina

HAMPTON BAYS
Skidmore's Sport Shop
Three Aces Fishing Center

CENTEREACH
Plaza Sports

S. JAMESPORT
Jamesport Fisherman Haven

SOUTHOLD
Port of Egypt

GREENPORT
Art White's Bait Shop

LYNBROOK
Beckman's Tackle

DEER PARK
A & B Sporting Goods

EAST NORTHPORT
Larkfield Sports Center
S.T.P.A Elwood
The Great Outdoors

COMMACK
R & R Sporting Goods
Commack Sports Center

SMITHTOWN
Smithtown Sports

HOWARD BEACH
Crossbay Rod & Gun
Noehren's Bait & Tackle

MANHATTAN
John Baumann's
Capitol Fishing Tackle
Robbins Rod & Reel

BROOKLYN
Bernies Bait & Tackle
Mike's Tackle
Stella Maris
Ted's Tackle

CAPTREE
Captree Bait Station

BABYLON
Hi-Hook Fishing Station
Augie's Bait & Tackle
Babylon Fishing Station
Babylon Sports Center
Babylon Yacht Marina

OAK BEACH
The Store

CITY ISLAND
Jack's Bait & Tackle

FLUSHING
B & B Sporting Goods
Aqua Pet Sports Center
Empire Sports

MORICHES
Moriches Bait & Tackle

CENTER MORICHES
Dicks Tackle Box
B&B Tackle & Sports

Weekly winners of the L.I.F Litter Box Contest may chose a trip for two aboard one of the following boats as their prize:

MONTAUK
Viking Star
Peconic Queen II
Marlin III

CAPTREE
Speedy V
Capt. Ben Litwin
Capt. Joseph Fleet

FREEPORT
Starstream II
Aloma II

SHEEPSHEAD BAY
Amberjack IV
Cheif

NORTH SHORE
Port Jeff Ace
Betty W